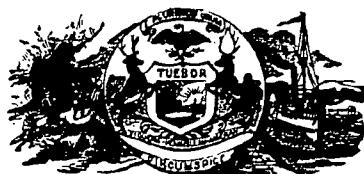


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First Snow Trains Bring Crowd of Nearly 900

MILD WEATHER IMPAIRS PARK FACILITIES

After several weeks of perfect winter sports weather the elements entered into the program Sunday and did some damage to the program for the day. Heavy wet snows began to descend during the forenoon hours and just before the two Detroit trains arrived the snow had turned into a slight rain. The skating rink was practically out of commission. Tobogganing and skiing, however, did good service.

The Detroit snow trains ran in two sections. The first carried about 350 passengers. The second had over 500 passengers. It was raining in Detroit when the trains pulled out and about 350 reservations were cancelled.

In spite of weather conditions everyone present seemed to be having a good time. The train trip adds thrills to these snow-train trips.

Snow trains are scheduled for every Sunday just as long as winter sports weather continues. Paul Henry of the Paul Henry Travel Bureau and some of his assistants were here with the train Sunday. These men are taking an active interest in the snow trains and are giving every cooperation with the local wintersports officials and with the general public.

The City of Flint was generously represented here Sunday, coming on the snow train. Oliver Ude, president of the Flint Out-Door club was among them. Also his father, "general passenger agent of the P. M. railroad at Flint. Both these men come here often and take a big delight in these affairs."

Photographers had a busy day Sunday, however the "shooting" wasn't any too good until about the middle of the day. Hundreds of pictures were taken.

While the heavy snow storm wasn't any too good for winter sports still they framed some very beautiful and thrilling scenes.

Walter Hastings, official photographer for the State Department of Conservation was among the photographers present.

Queen and Court Were Hosts
Just before the snow train was due to arrive Queen Pauline (Merrill), her maid, in waiting (Norberta Weiss) and the queen's escort in winter sports costumes and wearing ribbon streamers, were on hand to greet snow train passengers. Miss Anne Russell of Detroit was selected on the train and wore the ribbon heralding her as K. of C. queen. This group appeared at the winter park later. Many pictures were taken of this group, as the clicking of cameras could be heard frequently.

The queen and her court will take definite parts in all winter sports activities throughout the season. On February 3rd, the queen's coronation ceremonies will be held at the annual carnival ball. A fine large orchestra will furnish the music for the event. Those who attended the opening winter sports ball January 6th will recall what a grand affair it was. Attempt will be made to make this next one still better.

"Come And Get It!"

A big chicken dinner! Junior Aid is sponsoring this annual event at Memorial Church. These ladies have reconditioned the dining room and they want to serve you. Huge platters of fried chicken 'n' everything. Don't eat till Thursday, January 25th.

Costly Canal Zone
The Panama Canal Zone was purchased for \$10,000,000.

TUNE IN! "FIFER TIME" WITH BOB HALL

Pfeiffer's Rhyming Reporter—
Internationally-famous Stage Star
"The Extravagance Chap"
10:15 p.m. EVERY TUESDAY
7:15 p.m. EVERY THURSDAY
STATION WJR DETROIT

Fifteen minutes of fun and news in rhyme. Something new all the time!

Pfeiffer's
BEER

It's "FIFERS" for Flavor!
Pfeiffer Brewing Co., Detroit

New Security Laws Explained To Kiwanis

DISTRICT MANAGER GUEST SPEAKER LAST WEEK

New laws pertaining to Social Security have been puzzling a lot of people. For that reason the Kiwanis club secured Sidney Laurens manager of the Traverse City office, to talk to the local members on the subject. His address was very enlightening. Some of the things he said were as follows:

The mere fact that a person has reached age 65 and has at some time worked in commerce or industry does not mean that person is necessarily entitled to monthly benefits under the Social Security Act.

"We have received many calls from persons who thought they were entitled to monthly benefits under the old-age and survivors insurance part of the social security program as amended," Mr. Laurens said.

"Many of these persons were not qualified, we discovered. There are three qualifications involved in obtaining monthly benefits. First, the applicant must have been employed in commerce or industry since the Social Security Act went into effect on January 1, 1937. A person who has not had such employment can not get a worker's benefit.

"Second, the worker must have earned \$50 or more in each of six different calendar quarters after January 1, 1937, and his wages must have been subject to the social security tax. Workers who were 65 or over when the system began to operate in 1937 were not covered until January 1, 1939. Such persons may have had four quarters of covered earnings in 1939, but they can not qualify for benefits until they have earned \$50 or more in two additional quarters. Workers reaching age 65 in 1937 or 1938 were not covered from that birthday until January 1, 1939.

"Finally, the worker must retire from covered employment in order to receive benefits, when he has met the other qualifications. If he earns more than \$14.99 in such employment in any month he will lose his benefits for that period."

Max Laage Talks On AuSable Forest

WAS SPEAKER AT KIWANIS CLUB WEDNESDAY

Max Laage, superintendent of the Au Sable State Forest, talked to his fellow Kiwanians at their meeting Wednesday about the operations of the Au Sable Forest. This comprises an area of 330,000 acres. Of this acreage 130,000 is state-owned land. There are 15,000 acres planted which is equivalent to 2,000,000 trees. Many of his listeners learned for the first time just how the seeds are gathered from pine trees and how the seeds are extracted from the pine cones. These cones have to be heated until the petals open and allow the seeds to drop out. The white pines require to be heated twice. After the first heating the cones are allowed to soak in water for several hours and then heated a second time before the seeds may be extracted. The seeds are planted and cared for in the state nurseries.

Fred Welch, Jr., was a visitor at the meeting. "Birdie" Tebbetts was admitted as an honorary member.

A letter received from W. J. Kingscott, chairman of the parks commission of the Department of Conservation, in reply to a letter from the club, said that the hard surfaced highway going to the winter sports park from junction M-76 was not to be torn up. Contrary reports have been in circulation here ever since the new M-76 route was established. The old highway from M-76 to the winter park will be continued as usual, except that it will not extend beyond the winter park.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH
Sunday, January 21
10:00 a. m. Bible School.
At 11:00 a. m. Public worship.
When you support the church you boost your town.
H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

Speed of Lightning
The average speed of lightning is .5 per cent of the speed of light.

RadiOddities . . . by Squier



Co. Loses Respected Pioneer Citizen

GILBERT VALLAD PASSED AWAY

Gilbert D. Vallad, one of Crawford county's well-known pioneer residents, passed away at his home at 7:45 o'clock Monday morning. Mr. Vallad died peacefully in his sleep after having been an invalid for three years, seeking comfort in his wheelchair. Since that time when he received a severe third paraplegic stroke, he had two strokes before the first time 18 years ago. However, the last one rendered him helpless. Never murmuring at his lot, he was always full of fun and ready to joke. And adding ever to his comfort was his good wife, who was constantly at his side, and faithfully and cheerfully administered to his wants.

Gilbert David Vallad was born in Ottawa county, Ohio, January 24, 1861, and came to Maple Forest from Lenawee county in 1884. There he met Nina Buck and on October 14, 1885, they were united in marriage. The Buck family had resided there for some time and their home was located at what is known as Buck's Hill and it was there the wedding took place. After marriage they homesteaded in what was then known as Blaine Township for two years which was in the down river district and later became a part of Grayling Township. Returning to Maple Forest in 1887 they settled on a farm and there their eight children were born, two of whom died in infancy and their daughter Sadie passed away 13 years ago.

Mr. Vallad served one term as treasurer of Blaine township and for seven years was a member of Crawford county poor commission. In 1920 they were anxious for their children to have a high school education and so came to Grayling and for eight years were caretakers of the county infirmary. They returned in 1928 to their farm, however. Mr. Vallad's health was so poorly that they returned again to Grayling in 1934 and purchased the old Elizabeth Cobb property near the school where they have since resided.

Four years ago Mr. and Mrs. Vallad observed their golden wedding anniversary and a grand celebration was arranged by their children on the occasion. Hosts of friends within the county and many from away came to take part in the festivities. During the 54 years of their life together a beautiful companionship had existed between the couple and their family were very near and dear to them.

Mr. Vallad was a member of the Pilgrim Holiness church of Flint, and his son-in-law, Rev. James Thompson of Owosso, a minister of that faith officiated at the funeral which was Mr. Vallad's wish. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the M. P. church in Frederic with interment in the family lot at Maple Forest cemetery. Pallbearers were old Maple Forest friends, William Woodburn, Arthur Howse, Archie Lozon, Rufus Edmonds, Severine Johnston, and Mrs. Elgin Benware, Roscomon; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vallad, Mrs. Carrie Bliven and Mr. Friend, Marion, Mich.

RANDOLPH FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED

Funeral services for J. W. Randolph, who passed away suddenly Thursday morning at his home at Lake Margrethe, were held Sunday afternoon at the Grayling Funeral Home, and later at Michelson Memorial church. Rev. H. W. Kuhlman officiated and there was a large congregation of relatives and friends in attendance at the last rites. During the service Mrs. Harold Jarmin and Mrs. Roy Miles beautifully sang "In the Garden." The pallbearers were neighbors of the Randolphs at Lake Margrethe and included, J. H. Wade, John McMillan, Stanley Flower, Glenn Penrod, F. J. McClain and Horace Shaw. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery. Those from a distance, who came to be in attendance at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stephan, Sault Ste. Marie; Mrs. Cora Altman, Findlay, Ohio; Mrs. Joyce Tatro, Mrs. Blanche Boudrie and son Harold of Toledo; Mr. and Mrs. Van Smith and Clarence Larson, Detroit; Mrs. Ruby Carlson, Roscommon and Mrs. Elmer Haire of Bay City.

John William Randolph was born in Ottawa, Ohio, September 10, 1880. He attended school in Ottawa, and when a young man came to Michigan and located in Alba, residing there until 1905 when he came to Grayling. June 10, 1909, he was united in marriage to Signe Larsen, daughter of Peter Larsen, and four children were born to this union, two dying infancy.

Mr. Randolph worked for the M. C. R. R. and followed the carpenter trade for years. Of late years Mr. and Mrs. Randolph have resided at Lake Margrethe, where they operate a confectionery and restaurant and have resort property for rent.

Mr. Randolph had a large circle of friends and having resided here for so many years was known to most everyone young and old. It was hard to believe that Mr. Randolph had passed away Thursday morning as just the day before he was around town and talking to friends in his usual jovial way.

And today saw the arrival of the last Diesel engine. Two engines arrived first of the week and the last one Wednesday. Two of the engines weigh 28 tons each and the third one 18 tons. These are now being placed into position on their reinforced concrete bases. The switch-boards are still to arrive.

These engines come from the Buckeye Machinery Co., Lima, Ohio. This company has a crew of experts doing the installation of the engines. It is surprising how skillfully and quickly they handle these mammoth pieces of machinery. Special trucks hauled the engines from the railroad and every part placed in place in the engine house ready to be slipped into place on their foundations.

City Manager George Granger says it looks very favorable to have the new plant in full operation by March 1st.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Following the business session Monday evening the club listened with interest to two very well written papers on "Paraguay" by Mrs. Foryst Barber and Mrs. Maxwell.

The meeting was held in the kindergarten room at the high school.

Tennessee Valley Project
There are five big dams in the Tennessee Valley project.

and William Smith, Rev. and Mrs. Orville Lee, Miss Helene Babbitt and F. J. Mills sang at the church service.

Surviving the deceased besides the widow are the three sons and two daughters, Norman and Russell, Grayling; Warren of Kalkaska, Mrs. Gertrude Thompson, Owosso, and Mrs. Venora Randall, Flint. Also one sister, Mrs. Lucille Morenci, Grayling, and a brother, William Vallad, Marion, Mich., together with three step-brothers and one step-sister, Albert Vallad of Maple Forest, Robert of Toledo, Oliver of Lansing, and Mrs. Rose Dumont of Bath, Mich., also there are nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Those from out of town in attendance at the funeral included the following: Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Thompson and son Lloyd of Owosso; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Randall, Flint; Mr. and Mrs. Vallad, Kalkaska; C. B. Baek, Mr. and Mrs. James DeFrain, Bay City; Mrs. J. L. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. John Schmid, Detroit; Albert Harris, Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Amos Buck and son Harold, Mrs. Alice Kile, Harry Kile, Mrs. and Mrs. Elgin Benware, Roscomon; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vallad, Mrs. Carrie Bliven and Mr. Friend, Marion, Mich.

Isn't it true? And taxes are burdens that have to be met. But why not let the taxpayers have something to say about the spending of our money? Why cannot taxes be reduced? Certainly some of the money paid must be wasted. That cannot be helped, but if the taxpaying public will unite in an effort toward tax economy, we believe that more economy could be had.

It costs nothing to be a member of the Crawford County Taxpayers association and it would give this organization special impetus if you will attend their next meeting.

Wednesday February 7th

—and have a chance to take part in the meeting: Mr. Harry Carter of the Michigan Public Expenditures Survey, will be in attendance at the meeting. Also there will be a special speaker from Cheboygan.

The average Michigan Taxpayer believes that the present revenues of Michigan cities and towns and of the state, are more than sufficient to care adequately for all the legitimate needs of these governments; provided that these revenues are efficiently collected and that all expenditures are scrupulously examined for value received.

Don't forget the date—Wednesday, February 7th. The meeting will be held at the court house at 8:00 p. m. At that time permanent organization will be formed and officers elected.

Please be present and bring along your neighbors.

GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 21

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.

11:00 English Services.

P. C. Stockholm, Pastor.

NIELS P. SALLING



Golden Gloves Tourney Next Week

GOLDEN GLOVES TOURNEY SET FOR JAN. 22-27

January 22, 23, 24, 25, and 27 are the dates for the big Golden Gloves Tournament to be held here, which is sponsored by the Rube Babbitt Chapter of the Isaak Walton League. Due to Chairman Jack Wade having been called away, Tony Trudeau has been appointed chairman. About 300 entries are expected from Merritt, Cadillac, McBain, Mio, Gaylord, Kalkaska, and many other cities and CCC camps. The winners from the West Branch and Boyne City boxing tournaments will come to Grayling, and it is said these boys certainly throw a mean glove. With the cooperation of Chaplain Harris and the CCC personnel the Isaak Walton League promises to put on a good show.

Johnny Wirth of Grand Rapids will referee all five nights.

The winners of the Grayling Tournament will compete in the Golden Gloves tournament in Bay City.

National Guard At Post-War Top

STATE FORCE NUMBERS

6,000 MEN NOW

With its recruitment program virtually completed, the Michigan National Guard is in its strongest position since the Armistice of 1918 saw the disbanding of America's World War armies.

Col. John S. Bersey, adjutant general of Michigan, said the state's military force now rests at 6,000 men, with 400 officers. The present size represents an addition of approximately 1,000 men drawn into the service since early last fall, when President Roosevelt ordered the regular army and National Guard to be expanded.

In 1927 Mr. Salling retired from the lumber business and moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where he and Mrs. Salling had since resided.

Funeral services were held on January 6, Rev. Merle Fish officiating. Interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, Calif.

He leaves to mourn his death his wife, Mrs. Mary N. Salling, who has the sympathy of her many Grayling friends.

The family have the sympathy of the community in their sorrow.

GRAYLING REPRESENTED AT TRAVEL EXPOSITION

Grayling was represented at the Travel Exposition held in Convention Hall, Detroit, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, by Jack Redhead and Ernest Borchers. Monday and Tuesday Birdie Tebbets and Snow Queen Pauline Merrill were honor guests at the Travel Exposition in the East Michigan Tourist Association booth and had much to say about Grayling Winter Sports to the crowd every afternoon and evening. They had many visitors and winter sports enthusiasts whose questions were cheerfully answered. They were in Winter Sports tags.

The booth of the E. M. T. A. was one of the liveliest and most attractive on the floor

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1940

'See You In Grayling'

(Reprinted from the Mt. Pleasant Times of January 11, 1940)

The bright little city of Grayling is pioneering Michigan Winter sports in a fashion and on a scale which a few years ago would have been regarded as altogether out of proportion to possible general interest or probable returns. Such organized projects have to be weighed on the general scale of the interest they awaken—the crowds they draw—and Grayling is finding that it has turned in on a most popular program indeed.

A visit last week to Michigan's Winter Sports Capital, and well styled it is—found George (Birdie) Tebbetts' grand opening of the winter sports season "roll to a glorious start"—this latter in the words of Lee Macmillan, Detroit Times Sports editor who was present along with many other notables from Detroit and around the state.

The equipment of the park isn't a complete at the present time, a fact lamented sorrowfully by the committee members but regarded as of little consequence by the hundreds of visitors who thronged about.

For the first time now the great skies were filled with snow and the people were happy because the snow had come in time to make the equipment available. The snow was falling in large flakes, the ground was covered with a thin layer of white, and the people were having a good time. They were skating, sledding, and playing in the snow. The park was filled with people, and the atmosphere was one of fun and enjoyment.

Central Michigan folks don't have to depend on snow trains to get them to this center of winter activity. US-2 leads them right to the spot. It's a short drive and we predict that many a car from this community will be directed Grayling way during the ensuing weekends.

In a more personal vein, the editor and Mrs. Mac accompanied the Williams to Grayling and there our city manager, himself a baseball player of no little repute and renown in days gone by, found many a ball player of national fame, and of that kindred interest typical of ball players past, present, young and old.

We have already mentioned Birdie Tebbetts, Detroit Tiger catcher, who has been literally adopted by the Grayling businessman and put in active charge of the sports program. His winning smile and gracious manner are putting over this nice little public relations job in very fine shape.

Birdie had gathered around him last Saturday nine big-league associates of present or former days. First in interest to Mt. Pleasant folks is the fact that our own Don French, former Tiger, now with the Boston Bees, was there. Don, to our own knowledge, was second to Frank Secory, Tiger rookie, in the ball players' sensational snowshoe race Sunday morning. It was an interesting and snowy event.

Other baseball celebrities present Sunday and at the Saturday evening dinner, which was attended by the editor and our city manager, were Tiger coach, Bing Miller, recently traded Benny McCoy; ex-Tiger and present White Sox star catcher, Mike Tresh; former popular Tiger outfielder and well-known here, Jo Jo White; husky Tiger outfielder Roy Cullenbine; that irrepressible pitcher and orator, Dizzy Trout; veteran of 18 years in the National League and present manager of Chattanooga, smartly presentable Ki Ki Cuyler; and the afore-

mentioned powerful Tiger freshman, Frank Secory.

And the dinner program Saturday evening was one of those topics that most happily happen now and then, though they really never could be planned. Everyone in the room made a speech or at least arose and bowed—ball players, mayors, officials, a national ski champion, editors and tavern keepers. Ted Rockwell, of the Free Press, was the able man who snapped the program along in amazing style for all its wealth of talent.

The dinner for all interests didn't well violate its schedule as to closing time, for it was the measurable duty of the ball players to tie themselves to the glittering community ball in the high school gym, where amid flashing news cameras and dazzling movie methods, the Snow Queen was picked. Comely Grayling lass, Pauline Merrill was adjudged the fairest of all.

To insure that big success that's fully deserved and looks like is surely coming—all Grayling needs now is a slogan, and for want of a better one let's just give the royal appointment of "See you in Grayling"—W. Webb McCall.

**More Efficiency,
Not More Taxes**

Millard Dunckel, state treasurer and chairman of the State Board of Tax Administration, this week congratulated the State Sales Tax Administration and Walter F. Keay, managing director upon increased revenues from their department during the calendar year 1939.

Opposed to any new levies upon the people of Michigan State Senator Dunckel asserted, "What Michigan needs is more efficiency, not more taxes." The above figures reflect, in a large measure, the efficient and effective manner in which affairs are conducted. He also asserted that sales tax collections are up 100 percent over 1938.

He said, "I am sure that the great increase in sales tax collections is due to the fact that the people of Michigan are more thrifty than ever before. They are saving money and spending less. This is good for the state and good for the nation. We must do more to stimulate the economy and help the people to buy more."

Commenting upon the Dunckel statement, Director Keay pointed out that a considerable measure of credit is due to the 1939 legislature for "plugging the loopholes" also the grant of funds to employ 20 additional auditors to collect the sales tax.

**Monthly Benefits
Begin In 1940**

The Social Security Board has issued a pamphlet, "Monthly Benefits Begin in 1940," explaining payments to be made to wage earners reaching the age of 65, and to certain surviving members of families of workers who die after December 31, 1939.

W. Scott Hamlin, manager of the Social Security Board's Field Office at Traverse City, announced today that copies of the new pamphlet may be obtained free at this office.

It is explained in the pamphlet that workers attaining the age of 65 can now file claims for monthly benefits. Benefits are payable from the beginning of 1940 to qualified wage earners who have retired from regular employment. The applicant must show that he (1) has been employed in jobs covered by the Social Security Act in at least 6 calendar quarters since January 1, 1937, and (2) has earned at least \$50 of wages in each of these 6 quarters.

In addition to the retired workers' own benefit, supplementary payments are provided for his wife at age 65 or for his unmarried minor children under 18. Payments will also be made to the surviving widows and unmarried minor children of workers who die after December 31, 1939, if each worker had at least 6 calendar quarters of employment under the act and wages of at least \$50 in each quarter.

**IS YOUR SIDEWALK
CLEAN OF SNOW?**

One of our very estimable citizens recently reminded us that something should be said about the neglect of some of our citizens about keeping their walks free from snow. While there may be some instances where that cannot be helped still there are many who have no reasonable excuse for this neglect. Walking in the streets is dangerous and it is a question whether or not one is protected against traffic accident in places where sidewalks are provided. While some people take pride in keeping their walks clean right in the same block there are walks that haven't been shoveled out all winter. It certainly should be no hardship to attend to this important and not difficult responsibility.

SHE MEANT BUSINESS

Into an infant school rushed an excited woman brandishing a heavy hammer.

"Where is Miss Davids?" she cried.

The teacher named fled, frightened. The principal said to the noisy visitor: "Madam, come to my room, where we can have a chat more comfortably."

"Never! I've brought my hammer and I'm going to use it! You're going to see something!" My young rascal has ripped his breeches!

"But Miss Davids has nothing to do with it!"

"That's possible, but I'm not going away until I've driven in the nail my little fellow tore himself on."

HIDING BEHIND HER FACE

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"I don't see how she can show her face so openly with ail that pain," But she, my dear, is entirely concealed."

Sermon Needed?
"Folks," said the colored minister, "the subject of mah sermon dis ebenin am 'Liars.' How many de congregashun has done read the sixty-ninth chapter of Mat thwus?"

Nearly every hand in the audience was raised immediately.

"Dat's right," said his reverence. "You is Jess de folks Ah wanna preach to. Dere ain't no sixty ninth chapter ob Matthuw."

Double Trouble
The trouble with you is the same as wth another patient of mine," said the doctor. "He worried and got nervous dyspepsia. He was worrying himself to death about his tailor's bill. Now he is cured."

"But how did you cure him?" asked the patient.

"Told him to stop worrying, an he's done so," replied the doctor.

"I know," was the doleful answer.

"I know he has. But I'm his tailor."

Cute Young Fellow
Aunt Maud—Robert, did you enjoy the book I sent you for your birthday?

Robert—I ain't looked at it yet.

Aunt Maud—Why, Robert, how is that?

Robert—"Cause Ma said I'd have to wash my hands when I read it."

Not a Bad Idea

The teacher was not satisfied with the efforts of the singing class.

"Open your mouths wider," she said, "and sing as heartily, as you can 'Little drops of water,' and for goodness sake put some spirit into it."

HIS PROPER ASSOCIATION

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**Girls Ban Silk Hose**

Stambaugh (MPA) — Because silk stockings cost too much Girl Reserves in the local high school have turned to wearing cotton hosiery. Part of their platform is that cotton stockings are inexpensive, warmer, and don't get snags and runs, thus making them last longer.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Next Sunday Services
10:00 a.m.—Bible School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
On Thursday, January 25th, our annual chicken dinner. This is to be a great event.

H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

GRAYLING DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Services
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Danish Service
Communion.

P. C. Stockholm, Pastor.

Want Ads

LOST—A Green wrist watch somewhere downtown. Inquire of Mrs. Minnie Curwin.

WANT TO BUY OR LEASE gas station, tourist camp, or beer garden or buy good vacant location. Must be in good hunting and fishing country. Kenneth Thomas, Rochester, Mich.

MICHIGAN TAX LANDS SEIZED
ED for non-payment of taxes, clear title, immediate possession, land for farming, hunting and fishing. \$1 an acre up, if interested in the best land buys Michigan has ever seen, send 25¢ in coin for list of several hundred descriptions and prices in 42 counties. Au Sable Tax Land Co., Box 607, Lansing, Michigan. 1-18-2.

FOR SALE—Bay work horse, 13 years old. Inquire of Mrs. Jackson, Red Dog Club.

FOR SALE—Unusual discount on Spinet Piano used as floor demonstrator only. Write Rounds Music, Traverse City, for particulars.

FOUND—Bunch of keys on key ring, with string attached, in front of Rialto theatre. Inquire at Avalanche office.

LOST—Hound dog, half Bluetick and half Beagle, about December 9th, southwest of Grayling. Answers to name of "Spot." Reward offered. Finder notify Norman Johnson, Route 1, Grayling.

FOR SALE—Business block on Main street, formerly location of Grayling postoffice. Now occupied. See me for particulars. O. P. Schumann. Phones 3111 and 3121.

10 ACRES FOR SALE—In Maple Forest township, SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, section 3, town 28 north, range 3 west. Bargain at \$250. For particulars call Avalanche Office. Phone 3111.

MICKIE SAYS—

IF YOU WERE HIRIN' A SALESMAN, YOU'D WANT SOMEBODY THAT LOOKED IMPORTANT N PACKED SOME GOOD OL' PRESTIGE AND DIGNITY SAME WAY WITH PRINTED SALES MANSHP, OR ADS & THEY'RE MORE IMPORTANT IN OUR NEWSPAPER

Charles Strohmeier
He (to angry helpmate)—The one person you're fit to be with is yourself!
She—Say no more—I'm best myself now!

Two Methods
Uncle Eli—A man kin git de rep station ob bein' foolish by sayin' nothin' an' grinnin'. Uncle George—Yessah; an' he kin git de reputation of bein' wise by sayin' nothin' an' lookin' wise.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE**GRAYLING STATE SAVINGS BANK**

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

at the close of business on December 30th, 1939.

Published in accordance with a call made by the Commissioner of the Banking Department pursuant to the provisions of Section 82 of the Michigan Financial Institutions Act.

ASSETS

	Dollars	Cts.
Loans and Discounts (including \$ None overdrafts)	\$185,354.99	
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	38,254.55	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	266,393.34	
Bank premises owned	None	
Furniture and fixtures	1.00	
Other assets, Impounded balance in First National Bank of Detroit	1,636.30	
Total Assets	\$492,640.18	

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$181,885.81
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	162,666.96
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	373.64
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	85,155.67
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	52.10
Total Deposits	\$430,134.18
Other Liabilities—Bank Money Orders	1,130.80



Non-partisan News Letter
Michigan Press Association
By GENE ALLEMAN

As the newspapers' salute to the Michigan food and tourist industries whose 1939 cash incomes totaled nearly a half billion dollars an "All-Michigan" dinner extraordinary will be given Thursday evening January 25 at Michigan State college in East Lansing.

Queens of the 1939 Cherry and Blossom festivals at Traverse City and Benton Harbor respectively, will be present. Assisted by their court attendants, they will help serve choice Michigan fruit juices and foodstuffs.

It is to be an unusual demonstration arranged by the Michigan Press association, of how self-sustaining Michigan is in the way of producing quality foods. The entire menu, with the exception of pepper, will consist of select meats, vegetables, and fruits. More than twenty state organizations are cooperating with the newspaper publishers' group and the state department of agriculture in the preparation:

The \$300,000,000 tourist industry will be represented by managers of the four tourist associations. Spokesmen for this growing "cash crop" will be J. Lee Barrett of Detroit. Honored guests will include Hugh Gray of Grand Rapids, Tom Marston of Bay City and George Bishop of Marquette, each one known statewide for his contribution to the development of the year-around vacation and recreation business.

Governor's Maple Syrup

From Governor Luren D. Dickinson, farmer-state executive, will come a sample of Michigan's famed maple syrup. Dickinson is a connoisseur of this delicacy, producing it each spring on his Eaton county farm near Charlotte.

According to the federal crop reporting service, maintained at Lansing in cooperation with the state department of agriculture, the Michigan maple syrup industry produced 213,000 gallons in 1939, an increase of 62,000 gallons over 1938. The maple yield also produced 5,000 pounds of maple sugar for use principally in candies.

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While the state is not generally regarded as being in the "corn belt," yet the corn crop headed first place in the production of honey. Through the state department of agriculture, drip cannisters containing choice Michigan-produced honey will also tempt the appetite.

Approximately 25 different fruit and vegetable condiments, along with rolls and coffee, will go to complete this "All-Michigan" tribute to the food industry. It will be a novel and newsworthy recognition of the part which Michigan agriculture plays in the state's economy.

Fruits and Juices

The growing importance of Michigan fruit juices as an outlet for huge surpluses is to be emphasized by the use of three fruit juices and two vegetable juices on the "All-Michigan" menu. The juices which offer a wide variety

of vitamins with different appeals to the taste include apple, carrot, cherry, grape.

The total value of Michigan fruit crops in 1939—apple, peach, pear, plum, cherries and grapes—was \$9,978,000, a substantial increase over the previous year.

Because Michigan is a leading fruit state, it is fitting that the importance of fruit to the state economy would be personalized by appearance of 1939 Cherry and Peach festival queens.

Poultry and Meat

Michigan's all important poultry and meat industries will also play a leading role in the publishers' enterprise.

Choice Michigan turkeys, supplied by the Michigan Turkey Producers Association, will be supplemented by a variety of select cold meats furnished by the nation's only farmers' co-operative packing company.

Apple, cherry and pumpkin pies will be made the old-fashioned way with lard from Michigan's corn-hog belt, recognized as such by the federal government.

Field crops are to be in prominence with the famed, lowly bean, sugar beet, potato and peas providing satisfaction to meet the most discriminating gourmet's fancy. Composite supplies of these delicacies furnished by growers' associations, come from more than 53 counties. Also of interest is the fact that the other 30 counties are to be represented on the unique menu.

Upper Peninsula

From the Upper Peninsula will come manufactured dairy products.

They will be in recognition of the growth of the dairy industry in this section above the Straits.

Production of all cheese in the Upper Peninsula since 1922 has increased from 597,000 pounds to more than 9,000,000 pounds in 1939. Michigan now ranks third in the production of Italian cheese with more than 1,800,000 pounds, the manufacture of this cheese being entirely confined to the Upper Peninsula.

During the past decade processing of condensed milk has been increased from 4,500,000 pounds to 13,260,000 pounds.

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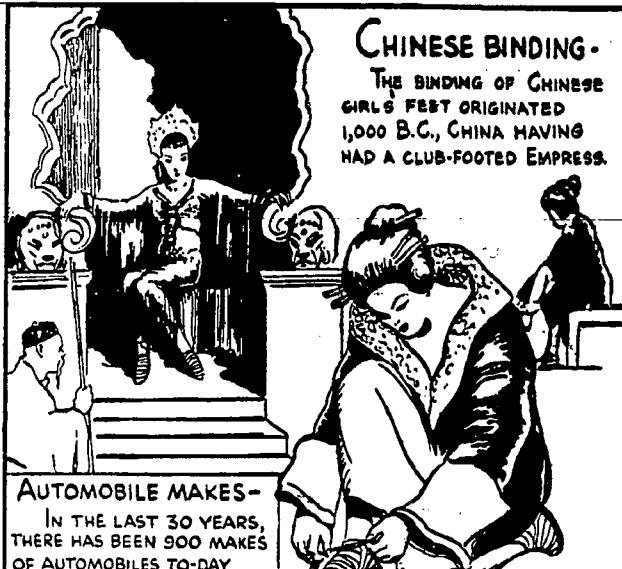
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Kelly Champions Americanism Drive

The "Think American" campaign sponsored by the American Legion, received the unqualified support of Harry F. Kelly Secretary of State, when, acting for the veterans on the staff of the state department, Kelly contracted for a series of 52 weekly posters for the Lansing office of the department.

Commenting on this campaign designed to stimulate a true spirit of Americanism throughout the state, Secretary Kelly joined Everett De Dyke, Michigan Department Commander of the American Legion in voicing generous praise for the program.

"It is a wonderful program," said Kelly, "and as far as the state of Michigan is concerned, my department will cooperate 100 per cent."

Kelly declared that he and other veterans of the Secretary of State's department were personally sponsoring display of the posters in the department and that no state or other funds were being used to aid the campaign.

"So enthused are the veterans in my department over this new Americanism drive that it is entirely possible that each one of the 174 branch offices will be supplied with a weekly display of these outstanding posters," Kelly stated.

Throughout 1940 the "Think American" poster service will be made available for bulletin board use in factories, stores, schools, churches and other organizations. Staged as a non-profit project by the Legion, the bulletins will be changed weekly and in each case will carry a graphic illustration of the advantages of the American way of living.

Safety Campaign Results Proven

The following reports released today by Harry F. Kelly, Secretary of State show a definite reduction in traffic convictions during the year just passed.

Total convictions for the year of 1938 totaled 23,341, while in 1939 the number of convictions was reduced to 25,389, a reduction of 2952 cases.

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Chevrolet Turns Out 6 Millionth Auto

In connection with the 28th anniversary of his association with General Motors, M. E. Coyle, general manager, Chevrolet Motor Division, today announced the completion of the six-millionth automobile built during the past six years by the industry's leader.

During this period, when Chevrolet has averaged a million-a-year production, Mr. Coyle has served as general manager of this largest G. M. unit. He became affiliated with General Motors December 26, 1911, the first year that saw auto production in the country pass the 200,000 mark.

Chevrolet's six-millionth car during this six-year period came off the assembly line at Flint Dec. 22, giving the company the unique distinction of having been the only auto manufacturer to maintain such an average in recent years.

Mr. Coyle paid high tribute to C. E. Wetherald, general manufacturing manager, and W. E. Holler, general sales manager, whose close cooperation and mutual effort have been responsible for the establishment of this unusual record.

By way of contrast, Mr. Coyle compared Chevrolet's current production rate with that set by the entire industry in 1911, drawing on his memory of early days with General Motors, which was founded only three years before.

In that year, 210,000 automobiles were manufactured by all companies in the country. Chevrolet alone has produced more than 300,000 cars and trucks in the last quarter of 1939.

"We are proud of our million-a-year average since January, 1934. In view of the economic and social adjustments that have been made in this period, such a record is a strong testimonial for Chevrolet," Mr. Coyle said.

Shanty Fishermen Report Good Catches

Fishermen in the fast growing shanty towns on the thickening ice of Michigan's inland lakes and Great Lakes bays and shores are reporting good catches after mild weather held the ice fishing season to a late start. Limit catches of bluegills are reported from Brighton Lake.

Four hooks and two lines are the most any fisherman may use, and all lines must be under immediate control, set lines having been outlawed. Tip-ups are considered the same as lines or poles, and subject to the same line and hook limits.

On inland waters spearing is permitted during January and February except on trout streams and certain other waters on which it is specifically forbidden.

Growing popularity of winter hook-and-line fishing is reflected in greater demand for much sought baits as wigglers or mayfly larvae, which are dug out of the mud of stream bottoms. Caddisflies, hellgrammies, stoneflies, goldenrod gallworms and common earthworms are used for blue gills. Minnows are favored for perch, calico bass and larger fish.

All ice fishermen on inland waters must have the new 1940 one-dollar resident fishing licenses.

An Unusual War Story by I. A. R. Wylie

Fund Inc., Detroit.

"Crack Shot" is the title of an amazing war story by the famous author I. A. R. Wylie. In this yarn, Wylie describes the strange trench experience of the village bully whom everyone said was sure to find just what he wanted at the front. Be sure to read it in This Week, the magazine with Sunday's Detroit News.

PETER B. PEEVE

(WNU SERVICE)

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Potatoes will be more mealy when baked if the ends are cut off before putting into the oven.

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Creamed soup should not be served at a meal when creamed vegetables or fish are served.

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A clove of garlic rubbed around the salad bowl will season the salad, but will not give it too strong a flavor.

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Vary the vegetables you serve.

Substitute broccoli, endive, leeks or

Chinese cabbage, for green beans, lima beans and corn.

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If pillows have to be forced into cases, cases will soon wear out.

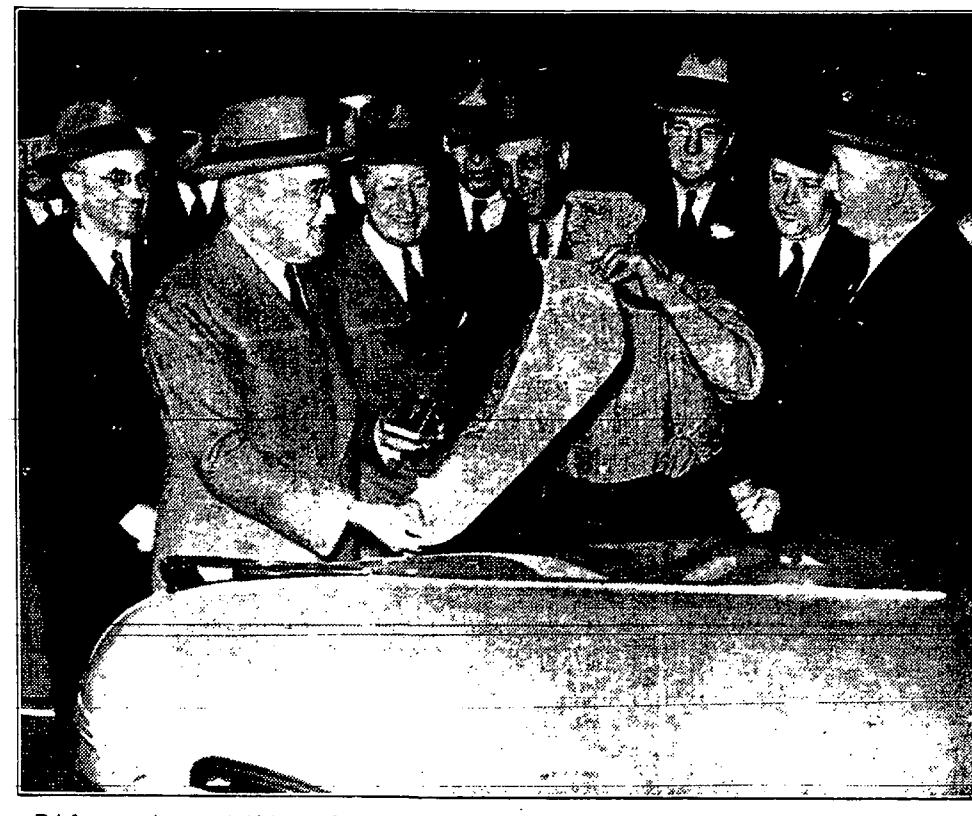
Always be sure to get cases large enough when buying.

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

Japanese Custom

Even in theaters and restaurants, Japanese keep on their hats and overcoats.

General Motors Builds 25-Millionth Unit



In photo, left to right: C. E. Wetherald, general manufacturing manager, Chevrolet; Mr. Coyle; H. H. Curtice, general manager Buick Division; A. P. Sloan, Jr., chairman of the board, General Motors; Fred Brown, veteran Chevrolet employee; C. S. Mott, vice president, General Motors; C. E. Wilson, executive vice president, General Motors, and Mr. Knudsen.

The car was taken at once to Detroit, to play a major part in the "March of Men and Motors" celebration staged that night in the Masonic Temple.

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This formula is immensely superior to any ordinary remedies, says Doctor

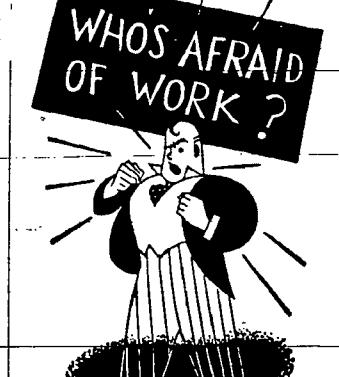
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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

January 18, 1917

to Flint Thursday by the serious illness of their son, Edward.

The annual meeting and election of a board of directors and officers of the Grayling Board of Trade was held at Sorenson's furniture store Wednesday evening and was presided over by President, Hans Petersen. The final selection of directors resulted as follows: C. J. Hathaway, T. P. Peterson, Robert H. Gillett, Fred R. Welsh, T. W. Hanson, Adler Jorgenson, Emil Geigling, L. J. Kraus, L. C. Bundgard and Marius Hanson. After adjournment the newly elected board convened and elected officers as follows: President, Fred R. Welsh; vice president, T. P. Peterson; treasurer, Emil Geigling. C. J. Hathaway was re-engaged as secretary.

Mrs. Elf Rasmussen of Detroit arrived Thursday to spend a couple of weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jens Jensen.

A nominating petition for Nelson Sharpe for Circuit Judge was being passed in Crawford county last week. It contained names of some of our best known and most highly regarded citizens.

Will Schreiber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schreiber, arrived here from his home in Wheat Centre, Western Canada, for a three months' visit with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Michelson arrived in Grayling Wednesday from a wedding trip to Panama, Cuba and other places.

Mrs. Mary Robinson, wife of Thomas Robinson of this city, passed away Friday evening at Mercy hospital, after an illness of seven weeks' duration. Mrs. Robinson was 40 years old and had made Grayling her home for the past six years. For the past two years she with her husband have been conducting a boarding house. Funeral services were held from the M. E. church Tuesday afternoon and was attended by a large number of neighbors and friends.

Eina Louise Atkinson, age about 20 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Atkinson of the South Side, passed away Tuesday afternoon of this week. The little one had been suffering from inflammation of the lungs.

The Grayling Telephone company have moved into new quarters—the rooms over the post office. The rooms have been all redecorated and made comfortable. It was some big job to cut the wires, transfer the switch boards and reassemble the wires. This was done Saturday night. Telephone service was entirely off during that time and but few people know what it is. The transfer required about nine hours. A new twelve switch-board has been added to the other, swelled and nearly doubling the capacity of the plant. Melvin A. Bates is the proprietor.

Mrs. Wm. Horne is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Nielsen at Flint.

Melvin A. Bates returned Wednesday from a couple of weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. Benjamin, Jerome and family in Detroit.

Lorane Sparks, who has been employed as car checker for the N. C. R. R., left Tuesday for Chicago, where he expects to take a three months' business course at a college there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hedge of Detroit have the sympathy of many friends in the loss of their daughter, born at McWay hospital this city Saturday. Mrs. Hedge was formerly Miss Anna Fischer.

Mrs. Abbott, mother of Charles Abbott, had the misfortune of breaking her left wrist in two places Saturday, when she stepped in the icy walk in front of the A. T. & T. grocery store.

Charles Wilson has re-opened

Nice C. Carteau was called bacteriologist for the winter season.

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Washington Notes And Comments

By Congressman Roy O. Woodruff
Tenth Michigan District

The Nation on the night of January 8th heard President Roosevelt at the Jackson Day dinner in Washington, D. C., make what was perhaps one of the shallowest and most unimportant speeches of his Presidential career.

It was interesting to read the speech carefully and find that interspersed throughout its length were 66 references to "I," "me," and "my." In the comparatively short speech 12 paragraphs began with the personal pronoun "I" and 27 paragraphs contained the personal pronoun "I".

This almost equalled Mr. Roosevelt's record in his 1932 acceptance speech, in which the use of "I," "my," or "me" occurred 87 times.

At his Jackson Day dinner speech Mr. Roosevelt made himself the issues as "a self-made riddle." Judging by the amount of attention he gave the absent invited Republican guests, he should feel grateful that they declined the invitation and thereby provided him with the subject of his speech.

Also judging by the amount of attention he gave these absent Republican leaders, it would be fair to assume that had they gone to the dinner they would have had to listen to gibes and quips at their expense not only non-political, but nonsensical as well.

It was somewhat regrettable to see the President descend at a time like this from high statesmanship to low comedy. The occasion offered an excellent opportunity for the President to make clear to the country what his foreign policy is or what he intends to do to try to remedy an annually occurring deficit, an increasing national debt, rising taxes, unemployment, a rapidly rising burden of national defense, stagnant business, and a distressed agricultural industry.

None of these grave subjects was more than superficially touched by Mr. Roosevelt in the course of his remarks; he was bent apparently on making most of the opportunity to gibe and jeer at the Republicans because they had politely declined an invitation which was absurd in its inception and not honestly conceived.

Mr. Roosevelt did not want the Republican leaders to attend that Jackson Day dinner in order to establish a harmonious condition that would permit the Administration and the minority to work together.

He wanted to try to silence the opposition, because he and the other New Deal leaders are not eager to meet the issues in the open, because they have failed to keep their promises to the country to solve the problems of unemployment, farm distress, rising taxation and increasing national debt.

There is nothing new about the artifice of trying to divert the public's attention from Administration failures by trying to stir up a partisan fight through gibles and jeers and bars and shafts.

B. P. Johnson had a narrow escape from drowning his team in Campbell Lake Tuesday, also losing a piece of pork, 225 pounds, that he was taking to the market.

Thursday p.m. the emergency call rang on the telephone and there was a good response for the right to see the bucked bridle line up at the home of Grandma Barber King but the old dame got much of a start on the outside of the roof and was soon put out.

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Frederic News
23 Years Ago

Wednesday night janitor found Frederic dead.

Alma Randa is a new pupil of 4th grade.

Miss Mary Saito has been studying violin in the 10th grade for a part of

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LOCALS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1940

The Danish Ladies' Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. Walter Hanson Thursday, January 25th.

The American Legion and Auxiliary have planned a dancing party for Saturday night at their hall.

Byron Randolph, who has been ill with a throat infection, is able to be up and around his home, and is recovering nicely.

Mrs. J. L. Martin, has been a patient at Mercy Hospital the past week, having taken suddenly ill. She is reported as getting along nicely.

Miss Lucille Larson, who is home from Adrian, was hostess to the Just Us club Wednesday evening. The hostess served a delicious lunch.

Mrs. Glenn Penrod was hostess to the Lake Margrethe Card club at her home last Wednesday afternoon. A dainty lunch was served the guests.

Approximately 20 acres of second growth have been cleared along the western side of Grayling airport for the purpose of enlarging the area.

Mrs. J. W. Randolph has closed her business place at Lake Margrethe until spring, when she will re-open for the season. She is making her home with her son Byron and family for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sorenson and Mr. and Mrs. Holger D. Hanson left Sunday for Brownsville, Texas, where they will spend the rest of the winter visiting at the home of Mrs. Sorenson's sister, Mrs. A. R. Engler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Peterson attended a paint dealers convention in Bay City Tuesday. They were accompanied by the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bromwell, who are residing in their cabin on the Manistee this winter.

Mrs. A. L. Roberts was hostess to the Danish Junior Aid society at her home Thursday evening. After the business meeting a delicious lunch was served. Guests of the society were, Mrs. Olga Boeson, Mrs. Nickolin Schjotz, Mrs. Herluf Sorenson and Mrs. Lee Jorgenson.

At a quiet ceremony Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keller, Mrs. Nora Dixson became the wife of Jay C. Hoisington. Rev. Theon Sleight of Flint read the rites, and Mrs. Hoisington's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dixson were the attendants.

Mrs. Nickolin Schjotz was hostess to a few ladies at her home Saturday afternoon, complimenting Mrs. Carl Sorenson and Mrs. Holger Hanson who left Sunday to spend the remainder of the winter in Texas. The afternoon was spent visiting and Mrs. Schjotz served a delicious lunch.

The Grayling Loyal Order of Moose basketball team won from the Phillip's 66 team of Battle Creek Friday night, by the score of 45-43 on the home court. An overtime of five minutes was played to determine the winner. Don Smock and Keith Bowen were high score men for the Moose.

As a part of their youth program the Catholic Woman's Guild are holding open house each Tuesday evening at St. Mary's parish hall for the boys and girls of junior age of the parish. Tuesday night was the first open-house and there were some 25 boys and girls congregated and enjoyed games and music by a Victrola and sang songs. Some of the girls went into the kitchen and popped corn for the crowd. There is a library in the hall with books and magazines that may be taken home and returned the next week. Soon the ladies hope to have three ping pong tables for the young folk.

Reduced prices on all ladies' dress shoes at Olson's.

A daughter, Della Mae, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Elgas of Houghton Heights, Monday, December 15, at Mercy Hospital.

Clarence Mortenson is operating the Carl Sorenson Gas Station on US-27 while Mr. Sorenson is away. The station is now selling Shell products.

The crew at the Grayling Fish Hatchery have started graveling the fish ponds. The gravel is put on top of the ice and when the ice melts the gravel is evenly distributed at the bottom of the ponds.

Mrs. C. G. Clippert and Mrs. A. J. Joseph left on the Snow Train for Detroit Sunday night. Mrs. Clippert chaperoned the snow queen, Miss Pauline Merrill, while Mrs. Joseph attended an apparel display.

Snow Queen Pauline Merrill is spending today (Thursday) in Alpena, as are other queens of the North, the guests of the Alpena Chamber of Commerce. This evening at the Alpena Theatre the Snow Queen of the North will be chosen.

There was a fine attendance at the play "Star Spangled" that was put on Wednesday night for the benefit of the High School Athletic association. It is a comedy play and is being put on again tonight (Thursday). So don't miss seeing it. You'll laugh at the mix-ups the characters get into and the wisecracks. Don't forget it is being put on again tonight (Thursday).

Twelve ladies were seated at a long table centered by a lovely arrangement of yellow rose buds and ferns at a luncheon given by Mrs. Emil Giegling for her bridge club Wednesday afternoon. High scores for bridge which followed were held by Mrs. Harold Cliff, Mrs. Roy Milnes and Mrs. George Olson. Mrs. Cliff, Mrs. Harold Jarmain and Mrs. Ernest Hoesli were guests of the club.

The Finnish Relief Fund will benefit from the proceeds of a bake sale, sponsored by the Lutheran Junior Aid, which will be held at Olaf Sorenson & Son on Saturday, January 27th, at 2:00 p. m. Dorothy Roberts, Elma Mae Sorenson and Mrs. William LaGrow were appointed to be in charge of the sale. Favorite Danish specialties will be featured among them: coffee cake, apple cake, klejner, kringler, bread.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Charron arrived home Sunday from Ann Arbor, where both have been patients at University Hospital, since the forepart of December. Mrs. Charron underwent a serious operation and Mr. Charron was receiving medical treatment, and both are much improved in health. Mrs. John McGillis, mother of Mrs. Charron has been caring for the Charron household and family while their parents were away. Oscar Charron, brother of Mr. Charron, drove to Ann Arbor and accompanied them home.

Grayling Loyal Order of Moose, who want to do something for the boys and girls of Grayling are making plans to build a community skating rink and they hope to have 25 men out next Sunday morning to begin work on the project. It will be located on the south side of the river in the vacant lot facing on US-27. The Moose members have agreed to do the work and the city will cooperate by furnishing water and the apparatus to flood it with. Amos Hunter and Middle LaMotte were named by the Moose as a committee to see that the rink is built and they hope that a goodly number of members will show up Sunday morning ready for work. This is a fine idea and no doubt those who enjoy skating will be waiting anxiously for the time when it will be ready to use.

Mrs. Robert Bancroft was honored guest at a shower given by Mrs. Taylor Loper at her home Monday evening. Bunco was enjoyed during the evening, with Mrs. Richard Thompson, Mrs. Frank LaVack and Mrs. Otis Cook receiving the honor scores. The hostess served refreshments later in the evening.

See the bargains on nationally advertised ladies' dress shoes at Olson's.

The Legion Auxiliary will have their regular social meeting at the hall Tuesday evening, Jan 23rd. Each member may invite a guest for the evening.

Rummage Sale at the Masonic Temple given by the Grayling Chapter O. E. S. Saturday afternoon, January 20. Lots of warm coats, dresses and underclothes left.

Mrs. Roy Milnes was hostess to her bridge club Saturday afternoon at a very attractive luncheon. A fat little snow man surrounded by little green pine trees centered the long table at which the guests found their places with place cards representing snow men. Miss Margrethe Bauman was the honor lady for bridge which followed the luncheon.

Editor R. E. (Peck) Prescott, of Lincoln, supplied the program, "The Editor's Chair," conducted by Duncan Moore over station WJR Saturday evening. He read a number of his rhymes and related some of his experiences as editor of a newspaper in a village of 250 population. It was very interesting and entertaining. Duncan Moore referred to him as the "James Whitcomb Riley of Michigan."

When Mr. and Mrs. Sam Loper returned home this afternoon from being out in the woods after a load of wood they will find no home awaiting them as it burned to the ground together with its contents about 2:00 o'clock this afternoon. The building was a garage on the property of Otis Cook and owned by him and the Lopers lived in part of it. It is reported that a spark from a stove started the fire.

Winter and winter-sports wear by McGregor at Olson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Petersen left Sunday to make their home in Wayne, Mich., where the latter's family reside. They had shipped their household goods a few days previously.

Willard Harwood and Bob Tiffin were at University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Friday on business. Mrs. Dan McIntyre and Dale Penney, who also had business at the hospital, accompanied Mr. Harwood.

Warren McDonald of Port Angeles, Wash., arrived Monday and is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clare Madsen and family. Mrs. McDonald has been here for several weeks, coming to spend the winter with her daughter.

Miss Dorothy Morris returned to Muskegon Sunday after a ten day visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morris. Miss Dorothy, who finished a course in beauty culture some time ago, is established in business in a shop with a cousin in Muskegon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry enjoyed having as their dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Davis, Mrs. Walter Fennell, Edward Fennell, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Grover, Mr. and Mrs. Glen VanDusen, Miss Elmira Pudrith, and Mrs. Jane Clements, all of Detroit. The party came up on the Snow Train.

Additional contributions to the fund are as follows:

Peter Sierra 1.00

The Avalanche will continue to accept contributions for this fund until further notice.

FINNISH RELIEF FUND RECEIVED GRAYLING CONTRIBUTIONS

The contributions by local citizens toward the Finnish Relief Fund have been forwarded to the treasurer of the Finnish Relief Fund.

We believe that the need for assistance in this cause warrants us to continue to accept contributions. Therefore anyone desiring to contribute may do so by calling at the Avalanche office or mailing their money directly to us.

The following letter is acknowledgement of receipt of funds sent in by us:

Mr. O. P. Schumann, Publisher, The Crawford Avalanche, Grayling, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Schumann:

As treasurer of the Detroit Committee of the Finnish Relief Fund, Incorporated, I am pleased to acknowledge your check in the amount of \$38.50 for credit to the Fund, which represents contributions of people in your community. It is very gratifying to the Committee to receive this form of cooperation.

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Yours very truly,
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Executive Secretary.**Personals**

Mrs. Elmer Haire of Bay City, spent the week end visiting friends here.

George Lietz spent Sunday visiting Miss Martelle Ison in Mt. Pleasant.

Ervin Sampsel is spending several days in Detroit, where he hopes to find employment.

Dick Peterson, who is employed in Jackson, spent the weekend visiting at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cliff were in Detroit Monday, where the latter attended a spring style show.

Miss Lucille Larson of Adrian, is spending this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hewitt of Cadillac spent the weekend with the latter's mother, Mrs. Thomas Cassidy.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Creque Jr. and children of Flint, visited at Grayling over the weekend, coming for winter sports.

Wilhelm Andreason of Flint, a former Grayling boy, was shaking hands with old friends Sunday, coming on the Snow Train.

Benton Jorgenson and son Wally of Detroit, came up on the Snow Train Sunday and spent the day visiting his mother, Mrs. Adler Jorgenson.

Winter and winter-sports wear by McGregor at Olson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Petersen left Sunday to make their home in Wayne, Mich., where the latter's family reside. They had shipped their household goods a few days previously.

Willard Harwood and Bob Tiffin were at University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Friday on business. Mrs. Dan McIntyre and Dale Penney, who also had business at the hospital, accompanied Mr. Harwood.

Warren McDonald of Port Angeles, Wash., arrived Monday and is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clare Madsen and family. Mrs. McDonald has been here for several weeks, coming to spend the winter with her daughter.

Miss Dorothy Morris returned to Muskegon Sunday after a ten day visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morris. Miss Dorothy, who finished a course in beauty culture some time ago, is established in business in a shop with a cousin in Muskegon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry enjoyed having as their dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Davis, Mrs. Walter Fennell, Edward Fennell, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Grover, Mr. and Mrs. Glen VanDusen, Miss Elmira Pudrith, and Mrs. Jane Clements, all of Detroit. The party came up on the Snow Train.

Additional contributions to the fund are as follows:

Peter Sierra 1.00

The Avalanche will continue to accept contributions for this fund until further notice.

FINNISH RELIEF FUND RECEIVED GRAYLING CONTRIBUTIONS

The contributions by local citizens toward the Finnish Relief Fund have been forwarded to the treasurer of the Finnish Relief Fund.

We believe that the need for assistance in this cause warrants us to continue to accept contributions. Therefore anyone desiring to contribute may do so by calling at the Avalanche office or mailing their money directly to us.

The following letter is acknowledgement of receipt of funds sent in by us:

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Drastic price reductions on Winter Merchandise we want to close out before inventory.

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All Wool

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Zipper bottom breeches and

Kasha lined

1/4 Off

Ladies and Childrens

Hoods and Caps

1/4 Off

Ladies

Hats

to close out quickly

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only \$1.00

20% Off

on Mens 12 and 15 inch

Work Rubbers

Great values at 1/4 Off

20% Off

Mens and Boys

Mackinaws

and Sport Coats

\$1.19 - \$1.98 - \$2.19

and \$3.79

Grayling Mercantile Company

Phone 2251

Record Stands at Five

Experiments are under way to determine the efficiency of new type mirrors, designed for use alongside roadsides, to reflect "wasted" portions of the light from automobiles back to the road.

New York's Telephones

There are 8,408,129 telephone calls a day throughout New York city.

Dental Diseases</

CCC Camp News**CAMP AU SABLE**
V-1670-Co.

Sidney Laurens manager for the Traverse City district of the Social Security Board visited camp Wednesday evening and explained the provisions of the act to the men.

Dr. Theodore Raphael finished his dental work in our camp and left for Camp Black Lake Tuesday.

Devin Anderson, Frank Roedes, John Cunningham and others attended the show at Grayling Friday night, but failed to bring home the money better luck next week boys.

Captain Samuel was with us again Sunday spreading his cheer about the camp. He gave us an inspiring talk in the mess hall at 6:45 p.m.

The hunters tried their luck again Sunday afternoon, but we didn't see very many deer hanging around.

Camp Au Sable is continuing two carpenters for some maintenance work at Camp Higgins this evening the next two weeks.

A tournament has just been finished at Northern Michigan College for all members of the recreational service to be held next month. The meeting for the Lower Peninsula will be held at Camp Au Sable February 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1940. All Michigan State College and dairy school students will attend. More particulars will be given later.

Members of the negotiations class and staff to whom Mr. Hagan will speak with us again. He has a position with the State Highway Department and will move to Lansing.

For Sunday night we had one of the best shows off the screen and out one of the stars out of commission. The mess service used its best and does the eggs in the sunfish pie breakfast was devoured very fast.

On Saturday camp area was snowed in so camp will visit the same areas as set up tent cities. The snowshoeing trips were made to Grayling Sunday morning.

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Clarence E. Perry, supply sergeant and Al Roach, truck driver, returned from Camp Custer with a load of clothing for the new enrollees and miscellaneous supplies for the camp.

The library looks real nice with a fresh coat of paint on the walls and ceiling. The furniture and logs are expected this week and reading room will be second home in the district.

New serving tables have been constructed in the mess hall and are a decided improvement.

The party Thursday night was a decided success and we eagerly look forward to the next one which will be held Thursday evening January 18.

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Our popular Captain John Somer arrived in camp Saturday afternoon and conducted several sessions of swimming.

The 6th Annual Tournament got way to a good start Monday evening. There were six tables of golf. The popular games of chess, checkers, cards and dominoes were played while there.

GOVERNOR ENDORSES SIXTH ANNUAL FASTER SEAL CAMPAIGN FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Michigan Governor Fred J. Collier has signed a bill making it illegal to carry concealed firearms in Michigan. The bill remains to be signed by the legislature before it can become law.

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Mich. Fourth Estate Group Organized On Long Term Basis**WILL APPLY FOR 30-YEAR CHARTER AS NON-PROFIT STATE CORPORATION**

Consolidation of a group of Michigan newspapermen, who were recently organized in East Lansing to discourage invisible government and subterranean political-boss rule in Michigan was effected Friday, in Lansing on a long-term basis when directors were empowered to apply for incorporation as a non-profit organization for a term of 30 years, the maximum allowed by Michigan law.

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Elect Directors

Fourteen directors were elected Friday empowered by the constitution to elect officers from their number.

George A. Osborne, Saginaw; James J. Kuhn, Sparta; W. A. Cranford, West Branch; Roy L. Mount, Royal Oak; William H. Schramm, Three Rivers; Lawrence Lowe, Jonesville; and L. Keddie, Bear Lake. Eight directors were elected for two years: Frank J. Russell, Iron Mountain; T. O. Huckle, Cadillac; A. Van Keukeng, Holland; Harry W. Rogers, City of George A. Noyes; Don Cook, Hartland; William Clegg, Northland; and Richard Lee, Munising.

The board of directors elected the following officers: President, George A. Averill, vice president, A. Van Keukeng; secretary, Jack C. Clegg; and treasurer, George A. Clegg.

President Declares Policy

President Averill accepted office and following statement of his policy:

The Michigan Fourth Estate Group is an affiliate organization of Michigan newspapermen for a non-partisan, non-political and non-religious organization to further the welfare of the State of Michigan. The organization has come into existence because of the fact of the existing taxes and financial problems of the state and the number of employees in the government who still remain in the service of the administration of our government.

Michigan newspapermen have been instrumental in the development of the State of Michigan. The organization has come into existence as a result of many years of hard work by all parties that has been done to help the people of Michigan.

These friends people really go for alibis. There's not a tree along a highway which isn't a billboard on it.

We are going out with Kenny Hause and Junior Lovley tonight. They're from the high school.

It's pretty late now so I'll tell you if you want to know more about us.

P.S.—This doesn't compare with California.

Bud Stephan

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our friends and neighbors for their many services. We will be grateful to all of our friends who have helped us during this time.

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up our organization on a long-term basis; we know our task is a tremendous one because it is difficult to remove from the present status of government in a short time those conditions that have been in the making for several decades. But we shall pursue our course with unfailing devotion to the cause of perpetuating a free self-government; and in that objective we invite the cooperation of all citizens and groups that wish to unburden their own knowledge of any condition that has been responsible for evils in government."

Kiwanis To Celebrate 25th Anniversary

"The 25th anniversary of Kiwanis International will be observed by the Grayling Kiwanis club during the week of January 21 to 27," said Farnham Matson, president of the club today.

"In Detroit the first Kiwanis club was organized and received a charter from the state of Michigan on January 21, 1915. In the United States and Canada there are now 2,000 clubs with a membership of approximately 15,000," he said.

Kiwanians in Grayling will join with all other members in the United States and Canada in observing this anniversary. On Monday morning, January 22, a birthday party will be held in Detroit in honor of the founding of Kiwanis. Kiwanians from both countries will be in attendance.

Bennett O. Knudson, of Albert Lea, Minn., President of Kiwanis International, will send a special message to the local club for its anniversary meeting. The club Committee on Kiwanis Education will be in charge of the program for this event. Members of the committee are H. W. Kuhman, Charles Moore and Emilie Grogg.

In Detroit the birthday party on January 22 will cut a huge cake ingredients being furnished from all the states of the United States and the provinces of Canada. A wreath will also be placed on the grave of Joseph G. Pierce, Pioneer Kiwanis pioneer.

The girls 4-H club gave a party Friday afternoon which was the state claims is prohibited hunting area. He was found guilty in justice court and sentenced to pay a fine of \$10.00 and costs by Justice Hans Peterson. Through the effort of a local attorney who acted on his own free will and without fee, the court was prevailed upon to mitigate the fine. Then apparently the young man presented the case to Attorney Elmer Andrews who appealed the case to the Circuit Court. Here Judge Shaffer sustained the decision of the Justice Court.

We have now, I believe that Andrews' family, as had a right to do, appealed to the state claims court that they had no right to lose and struck as a crime and we would be liable to a fine.

Northern Sportsman is published in Detroit and covers many outdoor sports including hunting, fishing and trapping, rifle pistol, dogs, archery, and several others.

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At the basket ball game last Friday night there were two exhibitions put on by the school organizers, one game of ping pong, and one game of badminton.

And by the way, some one should tell Miss Cooper about playing badminton; she should be more careful. She fell last night and almost broke her neck.

Due to the fact that there is a snow storm here today (Monday) the busines are late and it looks like this will be sponsored by the Indian River tonight. It looks as if the team will be going alone unless the storm breaks up.

Last Thursday the biology class went out to Hummel and saw the process of milk pasteurization. Everyone spoke of it as being interesting to watch.

Primary News

There are only twelve children to school today because of the

adult type as well as primary infection should be checked every year as is recommended to be sure that they are in good health.

Another X-ray clinic will be held in this district later in the year. Anyone desiring a check up at that time is requested to make arrangements through his family doctor or local health authorities. The association's work in county X-ray clinics is made possible through funds realized from the annual sale of Christmas seals.

Seventh Grade

The seventh and eighth grade had a 4-H party last Friday after-

Eighth Grade

The eighth grade are making maps of the United States in geography showing the crops grown here.

They are all beginning to think now of the semester test wishing that they were all over.

Tuesday the eighth grade had a movie showing "The Transportation of Railroads."

Snow Column

What have we here? A budding romance between Doris Long and Guy Kellogg? Now Doris doesn't just because Guy and Doris have traded class rings. Is this spring kids?

See it Can't Wait!

Buy Snow—Why do they have snow on the ocean instead of water? See Snow—To keep the ocean cold